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Comments:

Enclosed as the Appendix is claim 2 amended in accordance with our discussion on April 13. Please prepare an Examiner's Amendment incorporating the changes to claim 1 as shown in the Appendix. Moreover, attached is a copy of the IDS and Form PTO-1449 filed March 22. Please consider the IDS and references cited therein when you prepare the Examiner's Amendment. If you have any further questions or comments please contact me.

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APPENDIX

2. (Currently Amended) A connector assembly comprising:
for a flat wire member including conductors and an end portion split into a plurality of
split pieces, comprising:
 a first connector including terminals accommodated therein; and
 a plurality of second connectors for respectively holding split pieces of the flat wire
member in a state that portions of the conductors are exposed,
 wherein the first connector includes a plurality of coupling portions to be respectively
coupled with the plurality of second connectors, and the terminals are so accommodated in
the first connector as to be brought into contact with the exposed portions of conductors of
the flat wire member when the second connectors are respectively coupled with the coupling
portions, wherein the coupling portions of the first connector are arranged on one side of the
first connector side by side in widthwise direction of the flat wire member;
wherein the first connector further includes an insertion portion which is provided at a
side opposite from the side where the coupling portions are arranged and which receives an
end portion of a second flat wire member, with each terminal being brought into contact with
a corresponding conductor of the second flat wire member to connect the conductor of the
second flat wire member with a corresponding conductor of the flat wire member held by the
second connectors.